

Red wax scale

(*Ceroplastes rubens*)

- ❑ Commonly intercepted in shipments from HI; occurs also in FL, Puerto Rico, Pacific Islands, Australia and SE Asia.
- ❑ Hosts: polyphagous. Common hosts are:
 - Palms: Parlor palm (*Chamaedorea elegans*); Kentia palm (*Howea*); Majesty palm (*Ravenea rivularis*).
 - Ornamentals: Ginger; Ti; Betel; *Monstera*; Mailai; *Anthurium*; *Philodendron*; La Lot; *Spathiphyllum*; *Dieffenbachia*; *Euphorbia*.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 2 mm long, **red**, elliptical, with very distinct **spiracular wax bands**, the **anterior** of which are directed forward and **almost meet**; dorsum membranous in young specimens, becoming sclerotized in older females. Larva coated with red wax cover that merge together.

